राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में परिवर्तन किया जाना

788. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में आज तक किए गए परिवर्तनों में, विशेष रूप से ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा की एकरूपता संबंधी पहलुओं पर विशेष बल दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या-क्या हैं तथा शिक्षा के प्रसार हेतु ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कौन-कौन सी अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं अथवा कराई जा रही हैं; और

(ग) विभिन्न राज्यों में, विशेषकर गुजरात में इन पहलुओं के कार्यान्वयन में कितनी प्रगति हुई है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) से (ग) वर्ष 1992 में यथा संशोधित राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति, 1986 में सम्पूर्ण देश में शिक्षा में कतिपय एकरूपता लाने के दृष्टिकोण से सामान्य शैक्षिक ढांचे और अन्य लचीले संघटकों सहित सामान्य कोर वाले एक राष्ट्रीय पाठ्यचर्या ढांचे की परिकल्पना की गई है। केन्द्रीय सरकार ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा के प्रसार के लिए आपरेशन ब्लैक-बोर्ड, गैर औपचारिक शिक्षा, सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियानों, जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रमों, आदि जैसी अनेक केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजनाओं के माध्यम से राज्य सरकारों की सहायता कर रही है। विभिन्न योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन की प्रगति मंत्रालय की वार्षिक रिपोर्टों में दर्शाई जाती है जो संसद में प्रस्तुत की जाती है।

Electrification of Kharagpur-Vizag Rail Line

789. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government for electrification of rail line from Kharagpur to Vizag under SE Railway;

(b) if so, the target date fixed for completion of the electrification work;

(c) whether the first phase from Kharagpur Bhubaneswar is proposed to be taken up ng this year;

if so, whether the work for that phase mmenced;

if not, the reasons for the delay; and

the expected time of completion of the phase of electrification work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The section Kharagpur to Vizag (Vishakhapatnam) is proposed to be electrified in two phases as under;

Phase-I : Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar section including Paradeep-Talcher branch line.

Phase-II: Bhubaneswar to Vishakhapatnam.

(b) and (0 The work is planned to be completed in 5 years' time after commencement, provided adequate funds are made available in time.

(c) to (e) Electrification of Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar section is an approved work which was proposed to be done with private funding (BOLT SCHEME). The actual work of electrification has not been taken in hand so far, because of very high prices quoted by the bidders in the tenders under BOLT scheme.

Hence Planning Commission was approched to allow execution of the work with funding under the conventional system with budgetory support.

The Planning Commission have now desired that approval of Expanded Board be obtained for executing the work through budgetory support The proposal is therefore being submitted before the Expanded Board.

Sugarcane Production in Punjab

790. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land- in Punjab under sugarcane cultivation during the last two years;

(b) whether any financial assistance for undertaking research and development of sugarcane has been provided to the State during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase production of sugarcane in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The total area of land in Punjab under sugarcane

cultivation during the last two years, are as under:—

YEAR	AREA (000HA)
1994-95	83.0
1995-96	132.0

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The financial assistance for conducting research on Sugarcane in the State of Punjab was provided to the tune of Rs. 4.53 lakhs & Rs. 6.24 lakhs during 1994-95 & 1995-96, respectively by Indian council of Agricultural Research through All-India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane.

For increasing production and productivity of sugarcane, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS) was launched in 1995-96. This scheme is bieng implemented in 21 States/UTs including Punjab on 75:25 percent sharing basis between Government of india and State Government. The main thrust of the scheme is on the transfer of technology to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers/extension workers, supply of farm implements, seed production etc.

An amount of Rs. 124.40 lakh as Central Share was allocated to the State of Punjab during 1995-96 for the implementation of the scheme.

Review of Performance of Railways

791. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 5th November, 1996 a Conference of Controllers of Stores, Inventory Managers of Zonal Railways and production units was held to review the mid-year performance of the Annual Plan of Railways during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the shortcomings pointed out by the Hon'ble Minister on the performance of Railways; and

(c) the details of action taken so far on the suggestions made by him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. However, its scope was restricted to only material management aspects.

(b) No shortcoming as such were pointed out. However, following areas were suggested for further improvement:—

(1) maintenance of rolling stock.

(2) procurement of materials of better quality.

(3) costing of materials being procured so as to arrive at reasonableness of rates.

(4) checking of quality & quantity of materials received in depots.

(5) fixing quality norms or standards for the materials being procured and follow Open Tender System as far as possible.

(c) The suggestions are under processing.

Proposal for Development of Chilka Lake

792. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the development of Chilka lake;

(b) whether any scheme has been prepared either by the State Government or the Central Government for the above purpose; and

(c) if so, the fund earmarked under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Chilka lake is designated as one of the wetlands of international importance under Ramsar Convention and is also covered under the National Programme for the Conservation and Management of Wetlands. An amount of Rs. 112.30 lakh hf-been provided to the Government of Oris? by the Union Ministry of Environment a Forests to the Government of Orissa for conservation in the catchment area, *r* improvement of Nalabana, database . and generating awareness union programme. The 10th Finance Comrr recommended an amount of Rs. 27 the Government of Orissa for 'Prese Chilka Lake' under Special Probler The Government of India has acce,